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In the application of:

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Dear Sir:

A Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated April 21, 2004, for which a response was due June 21, 2004, was received by Applicants. Applicants filed a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application on June 21, 2004. Accordingly, the response was timely filed. Applicants later discovered that one amino acid sequence had been inadvertently omitted from the initial Sequence Listing filed on April 21, 2004, as part of the response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application. To correct this inadvertent omission, Applicants now provide the Examiner with the attached

substitute Sequence Listing (substitute sheets of the paper copy of the Sequence Listing as well as a substitute copy of the computer readable form) for consideration and entry.

Please replace the paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed on June 21, 2004, with the substitute sheets of the paper copy of the Sequence Listing provided with this communication. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.77, please enter the attached substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing after the Abstract. The substitute sheets include no new matter, since support for the added amino acid sequence is found, e.g., at page 29, paragraph 92, of the specification.

In addition, Applicants provide a substitute copy of the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing. Please replace the copy of the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing filed on June 21, 2004, with the substitute copy of the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing provided with this communication. The undersigned hereby states that the content of the attached substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the content of the attached substitute computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 are identical.

In the event that the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required as a result of this communication and statement, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due to our **Deposit account no. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 252312007900. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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